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Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, delete paragraph starting at line 24 and continuing to page 2, line 11, and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121. A marked up version showing the changes in the specification is attached.

The tubular sausage casings based on hydrated cellulose which are produced in this way are often treated with various preparations on the inside and/or outside, according to the envisaged end use. For example, blood sausage adheres very firmly to the hydrated cellulose casing. So that the casing can nevertheless be peeled off easily, without thereby tearing open the frying surface, it is provided with a release preparation on the inside. A suitable release preparation comprises, for example, a chromium-fatty acid complex compound and a dialkyl-polysiloxane. Sausage meat for long-lasting sausages, on the other hand, has the tendency to become detached from the cellulose casing in the course of time. The adherence between the meat stuffing and casing is therefore increased with an appropriate internal preparation. The adherence preparation also comprises a water-insoluble cured cationic resin and an oil. The oil here may be a vegetable oil, a triglyceride mixture of plant fatty acids, a paraffin oil or a silicone oil. Other preparations comprise a resin and particles or fibers of plastic or cellulose. They provide a rough surface.

Page 5, delete paragraph starting at line 5, and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121. A marked up version showing the changes in the specification is attached.

Enzymes having a cellulytic action are generally feared in the meat products sector and everything has been done to avoid their occurrence. In the maturation of long-life sausages, they can be formed by certain molds and yeasts under adverse climatic conditions and can cause hydrated cellulose casings to be severely damaged or even destroyed. Damaged casings can be removed from the meat stuffing only with great difficulty and also only in shreds.